

Volunteer Voice

Recognizing the Efforts of VA Volunteers in Coatesville, PA

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The VAVS newsletter has been created for all volunteers and potential volunteers of Coatesville VA Medical Center. This publication is meant to showcase the wonderful work our volunteers contribute to our Veterans here at Coatesville VAMC

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Coatesville Highlights



Country Fair Volunteers: Representatives from American Legion Auxiliaries offered and \$5 canteen books to each Veteran.



COUNTRY FAIR



Trinity Baptist Church, Coatesville, warmly welcome Veterans by providing Sunday brunch on the last Sunday of every month. *Picture below left and right:* Volunteers from the congregation prepare the food.



Front Cover photos: *Top left, right and center:* 6th Annual Hospitalized Veterans Tribute, 21st Ward Veterans Assn., Roxborough, PA *Bottom left :* DAR members show their volunteer shirts from the Wheelchair Games. *Bottom right:* Women Veterans enjoying a day of arts and crafts projects sponsored by volunteer Susan Kissinger.

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Coatesville Youth Initiative



The CYI Service Corps is a program for youth between the ages of 14-18, which combines a summer-long service placement with a challenging life, academic, and leadership skills development curriculum. Youth are placed in teams of two or more at host

sites, where they participate in full time meaningful direct-service activities, which are to be specific and identifiable with measurable outcomes, address a community need and provide a direct benefit to the community.

Pictured above right, clockwise: Tyra, worked in prosthetics, Leon in the canteen, Brenda, worked in podiatry, and Alex worked with Medical Media.

Best wishes to Ellena Allen in her recent retirement!

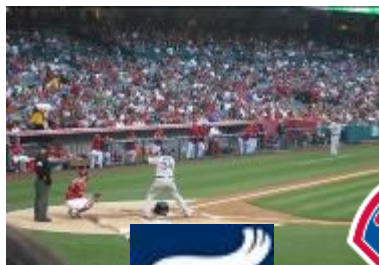
Ellena Allen served as the Lead Voluntary Support Assistant. Her retirement is well earned after 44 years at Coatesville VA Medical Center. Although Ellena is retiring, she will be a welcome visitor in her new capacity as a volunteer. We wish her well.



Donations in, follow the money to see how your donations are used for the benefit of Veterans.



It is often asked, "how will my donation be used to help Veterans?" The answer is not always simple. Our Veteran patients are undergoing a transformation to heal which requires an intense amount of time and effort. One aspect of that recovery is diversional and therapeutic recreation. Your donation can be designated for recreation, personal care items, special events, hospice needs or emergent social work. Here are a few examples of the recreational activities your monetary donation will be used for.



Tickets for local sporting events



Circus, fun for the day!



River cruises are a popular summer activity



We thank the volunteer organizations and individual volunteers for their generous support and donations over the last year.

New Volunteers

Please welcome them to their new assignments.

Adam Pearson - Acquisition Summer Program

Max Seiler - Recreation Assistant

Deborah Pradel - Deputy Representative for MOCA

David Pradel—Deputy Representative for MOC

James Lawler - Instructor Basic Computer Skills

Joshua Anderson - Chess Instructor

Tisha Jennings - IT/ Customer Support

Jennifer Savage—Recreation Assistant

Kara Siemer - Occupational Therapy

Jake Sarmiento - Youth, NFS

Farah Khurshid - Youth Recreation Assistant

Tyra Harley - Youth

Larissa Anderson - Youth, Special Events

Brianna Tucker - Youth, Canteen

Jacquelyn Petrosky - Recreation Assistant

Joan Groseclose - Deputy Representative Order of the Eastern Star

Donald Akins - Guest Service Desk

Kevin Britt - Human Resources

Marlene Malloy - Special Events

William Gray - HAS Reception

Robin Divack - Special Events

Carmen Malizia - Special Events, DJ



Don't forget to get your FREE Flu Shot

Get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle

VAVS Representatives – The next quarterly VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Meeting is Thursday, October 9th at 7pm.

Donations



Refreshments donated by the Coca Cola Distributors of Chester and Lancaster County



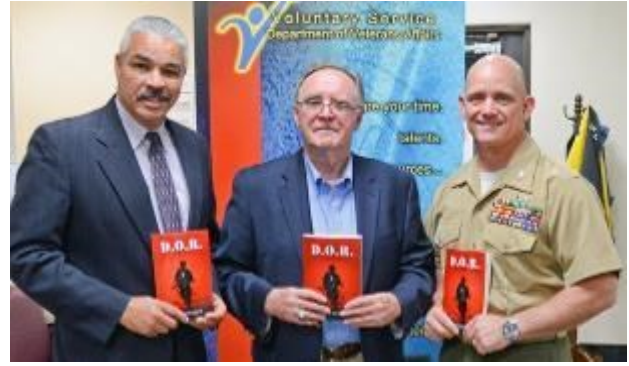
Coffee and tea donated by VFW Aux Post 928 Folsom



Big screen TV donated by the 21st Ward Veterans Assn.



Red Hat Ladies donated personal care items



Author, Vincent Daly (pictured center) donated 9 copies of his book, D.O.R. Pictured with (left) Earl Johnson and (right) John C. Church, Asst. Professor of English Communications Department, Immaculata University.



Daughters of the American Revolution donated lap quilts and ditty bags to the Community Living Center



Coffee donation from Soldiers Angels



"Quilts of Valor" donation of 12 handmade quilts

